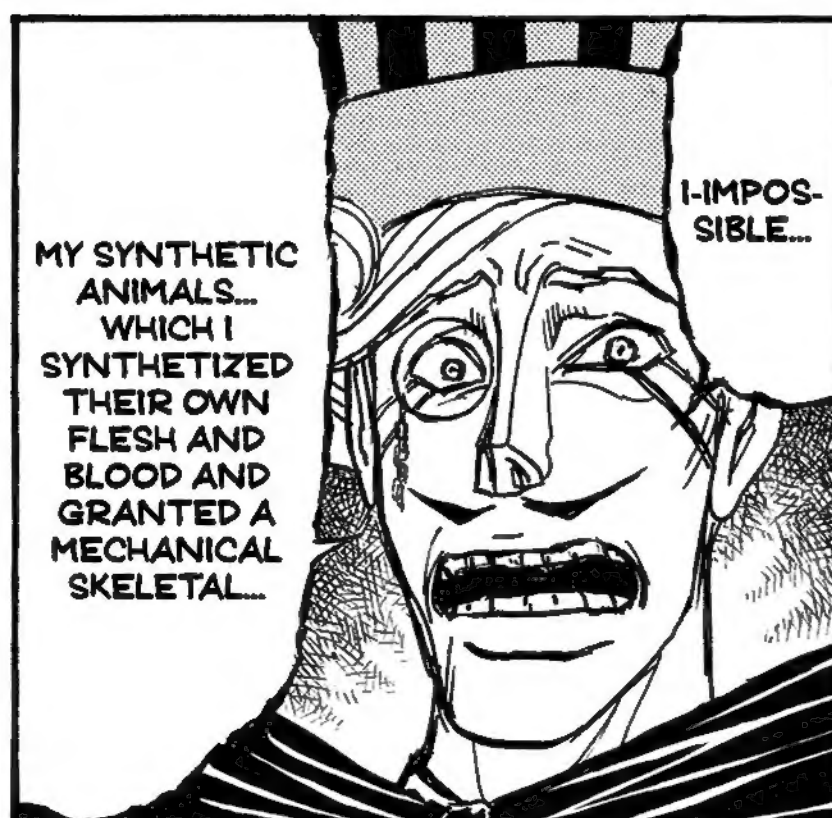
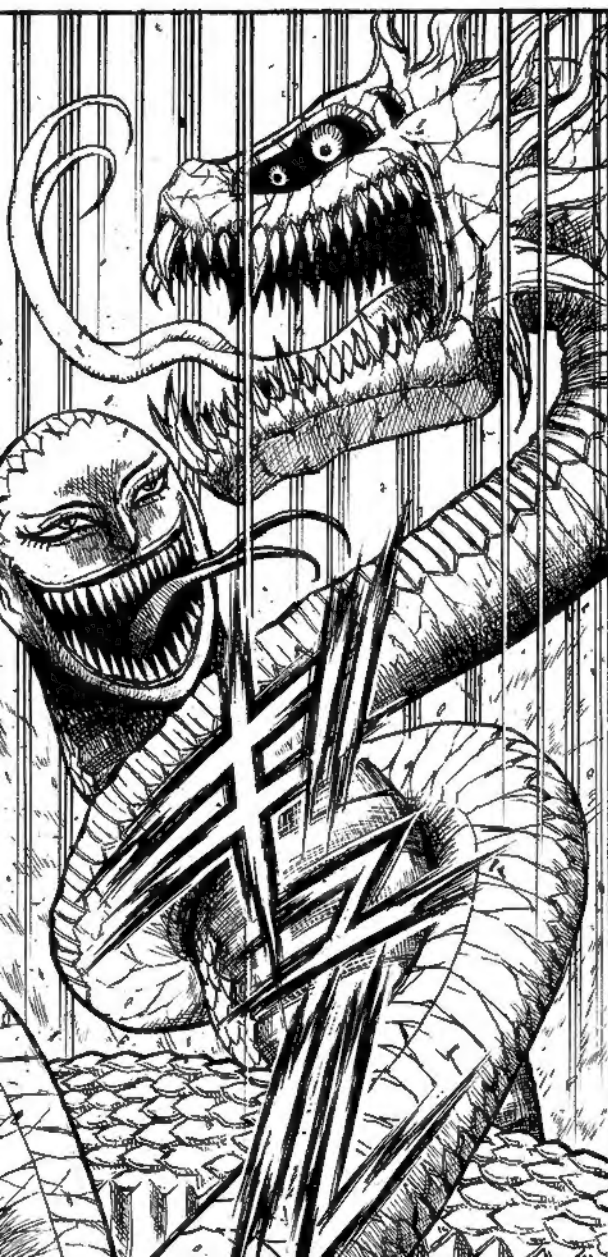


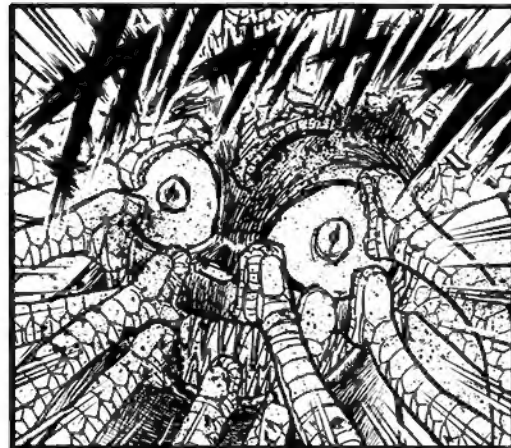
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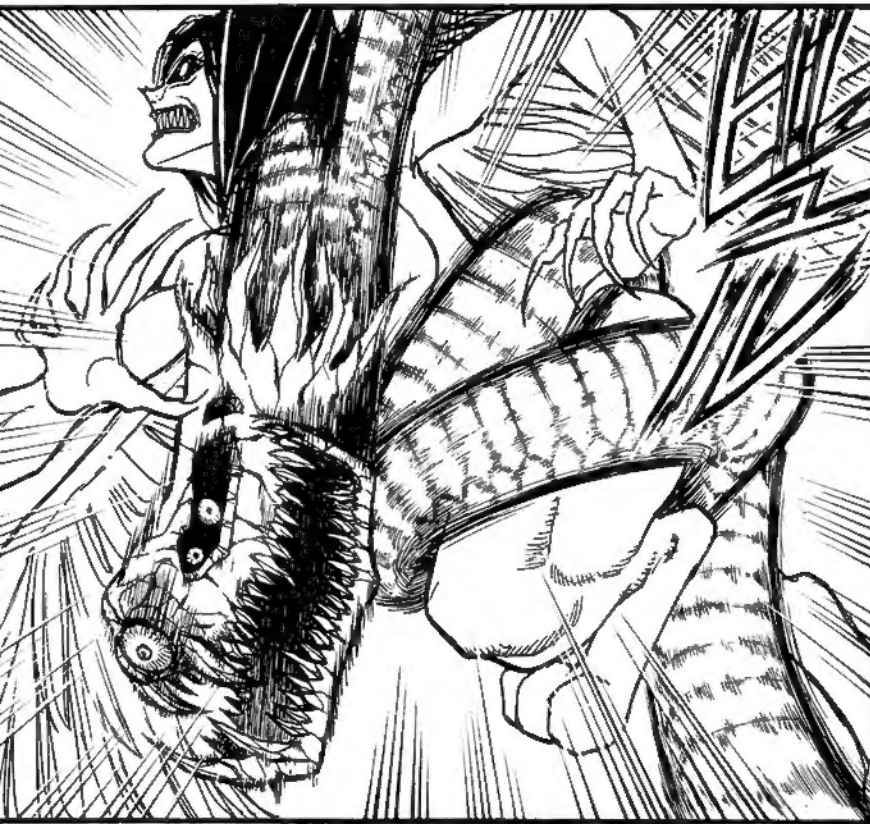












M-MY
MYTHICAL
BEASTS...



IT
CAN'T
BE!

AH!



STOP,
DOCTOR
LAO!



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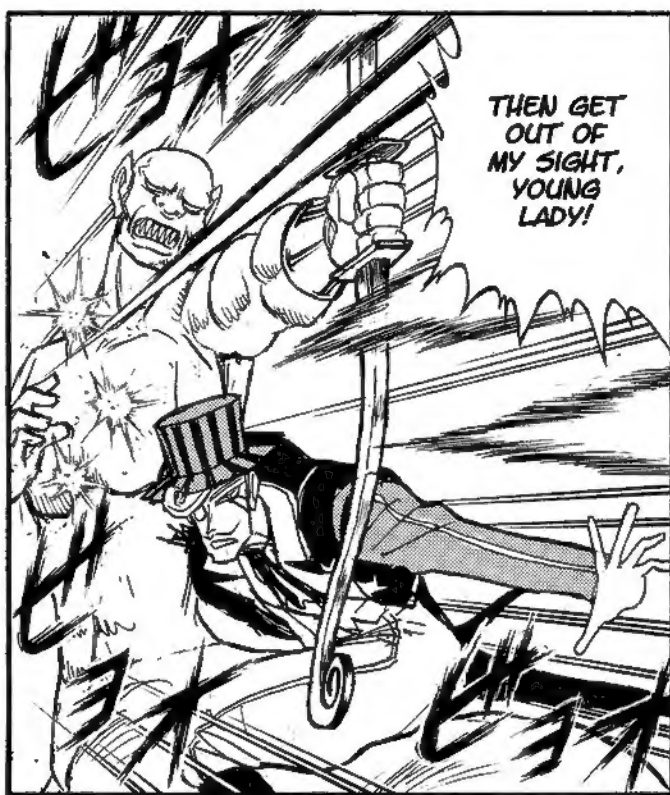
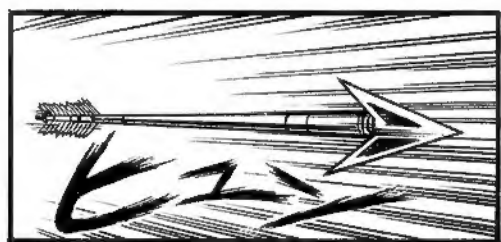


YOU TOO
CONTROL
ANIMALS AND
LET THEM
FIGHT, DON'T
YOU?!

AND HOW
ABOUT
YOU?!



SO YOU LET
YOUR ANIMALS
FIGHT WHILE YOU
RUN AWAY BY
YOURSELF?
YOU COWARD!





LAO
IS RIGHT...
I'M WEAK...



...I'M
FINE...
YOU'RE
SO
GENTLE...

.....



I... CAN'T
GO ON LIVING
WITHOUT YOU
ANIMALS AND
THE AUDIENCE.



AND BECAUSE
OF THAT, I
HAD NO CHOICE
BUT TO TRAIN
MY MENAGERIE...
AND EARN MONEY
LIVING OFF AS AN
ENTERTAINER...

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...BY THE
HANDS OF
ANIMALS
INSIDE THE
RING...

UNTIL
THE DAY
I DIE...

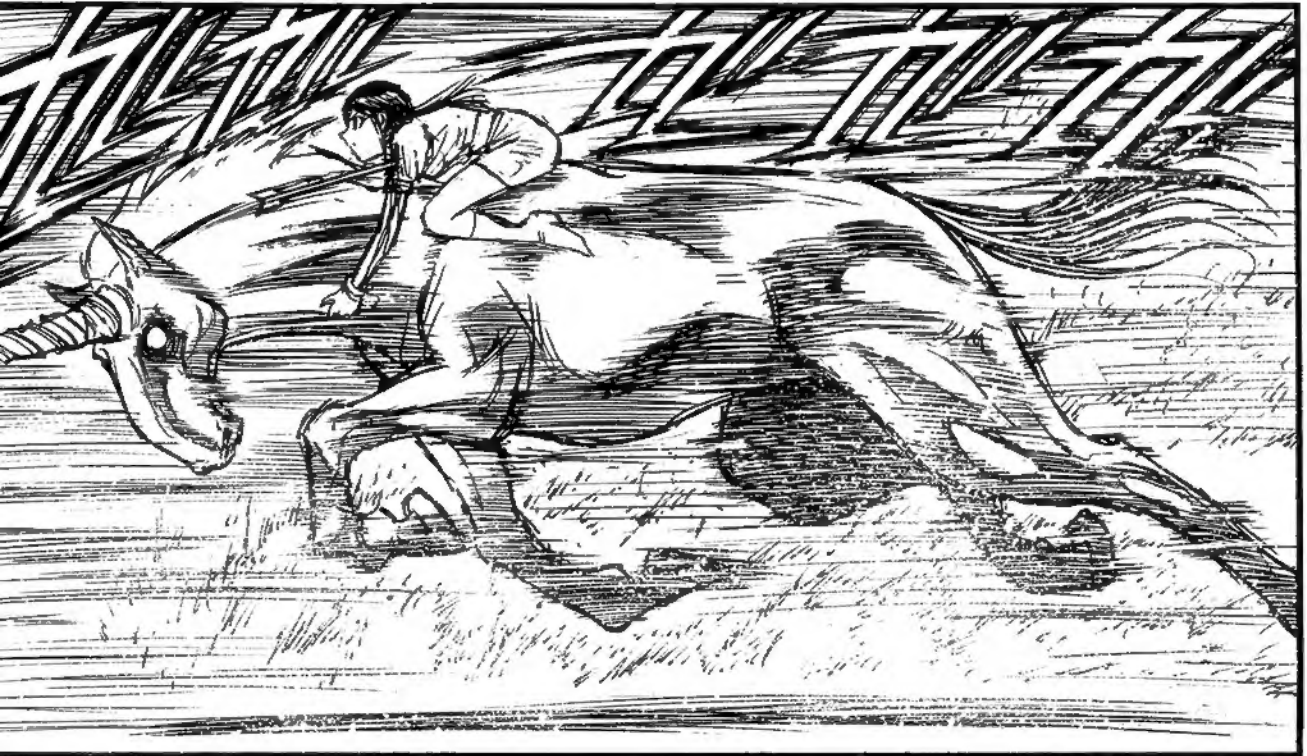


SO
PLEASE,
GO...
FASTER...



I WILL
DESTROY THE
AUTOMATA...

...AND
PERFORM
IN THE
CIRCUS
AGAIN...



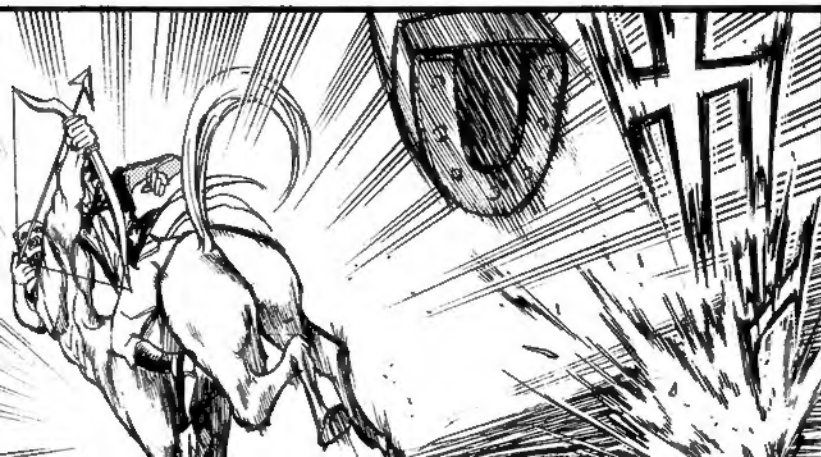
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WHY IS
A HUMAN
CONTROLLING
MY MYTHICAL
BEASTS?!



WHY
IS IT
LISTENING
TO HER?





AND I OFFERED
MY LIFE TO
ANIMALS!



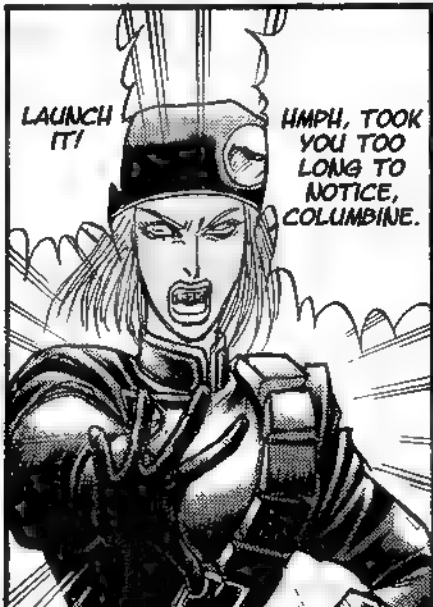
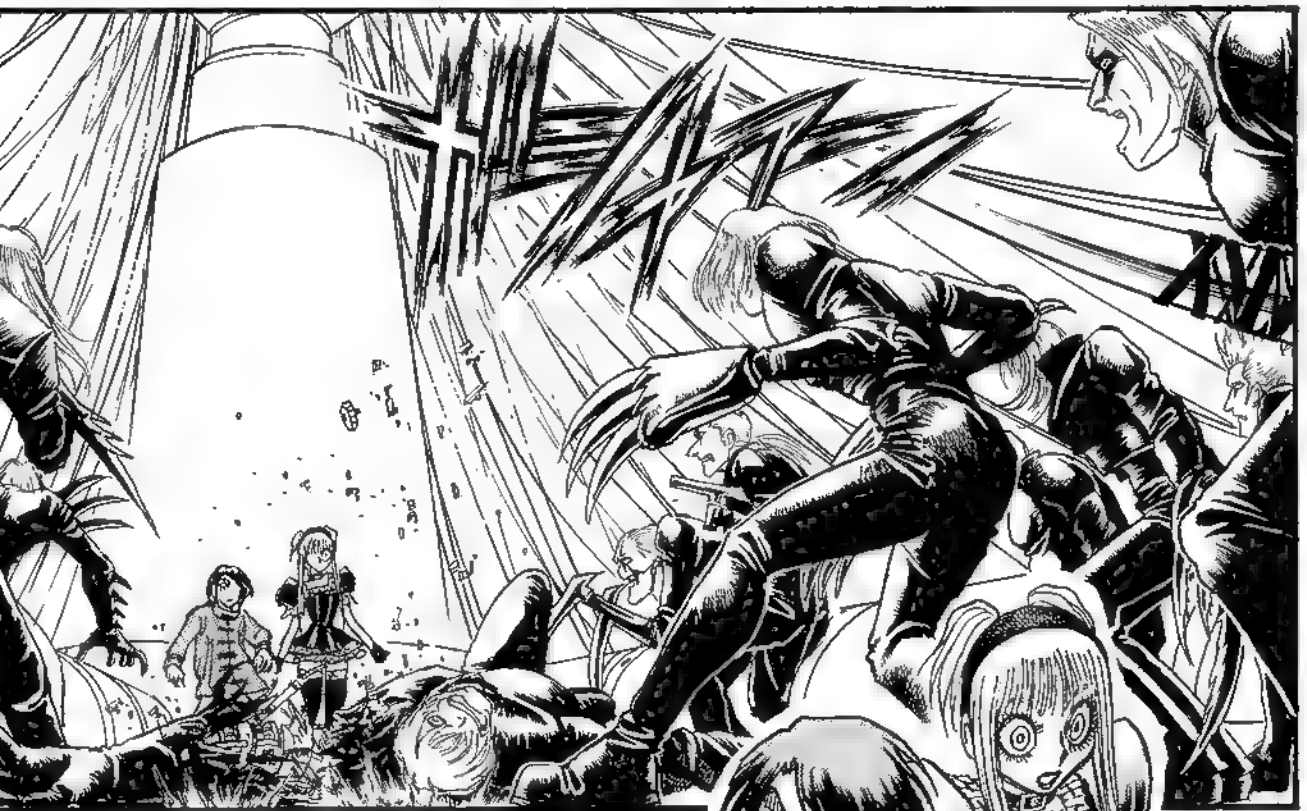
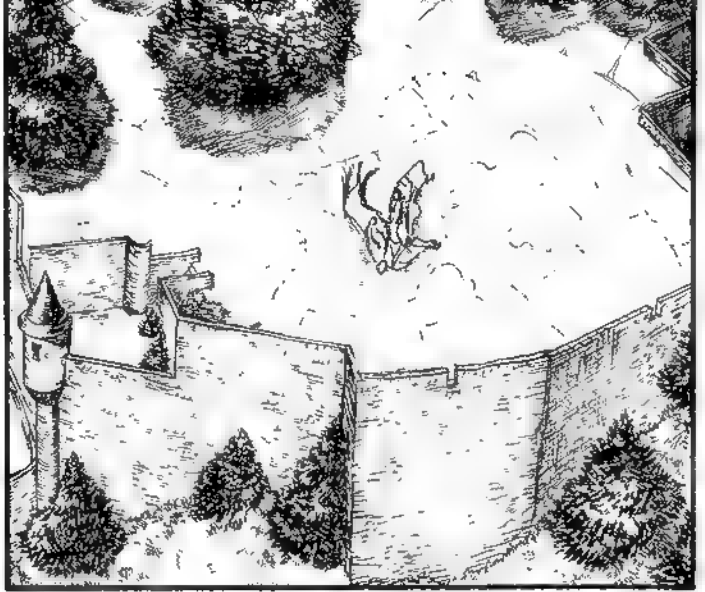
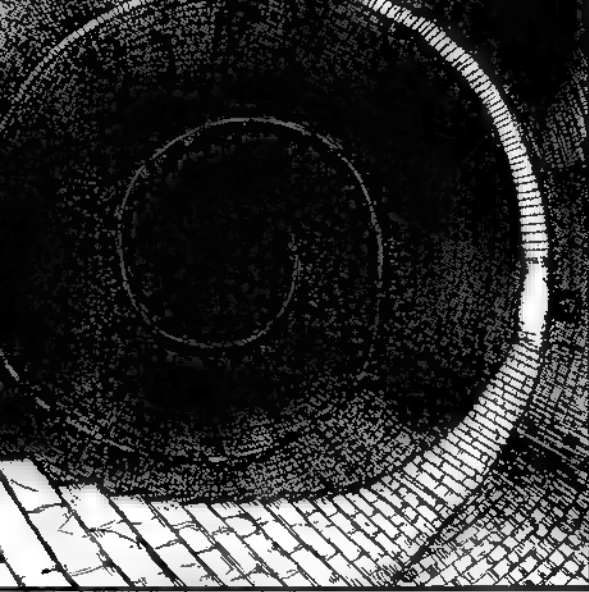
IT'S BECAUSE
YOU USED THE
BRAINS OF REAL
ANIMALS TO
CREATE THEM...

DOCTOR
LAO...



...ANIMAL
TAMER!

BECAUSE
I'M A
REAL...



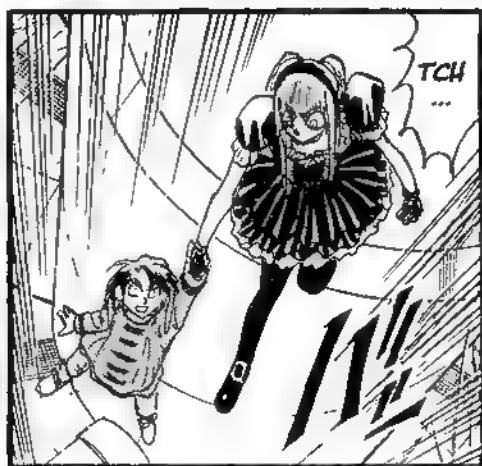
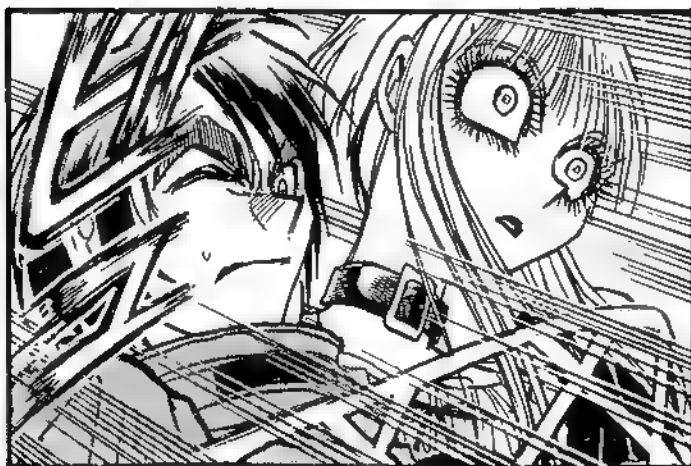
LAUNCH IT!

HMPH, TOOK YOU TOO LONG TO NOTICE, COLUMBINE.



HUH?

OH MY, THE O ARE MOVING WEIRD, MASARU-CHAN.



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OH OH OH OH OH...
MOVE AROUND
ALL YOU WANT,
BUT IT'S OVER
NOW THAT THOSE
METALLIC NETS
GOT YOU!





COLUM-
BINE!

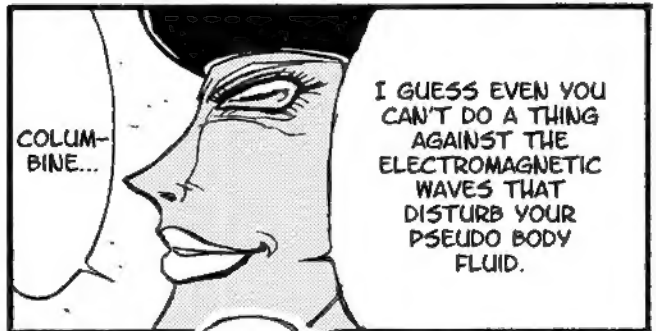
GAH...!



OH MY... THEN I
JUST NEED TO
MAKE A KNIFE
OUT OF BUGS
AND...



NATURALLY,
IT HAS NO
EFFECT ON
MASARU.



COLUM-
BINE...

I GUESS EVEN YOU
CAN'T DO A THING
AGAINST THE
ELECTROMAGNETIC
WAVES THAT
DISTURB YOUR
PSEUDO BODY
FLUID.



YOU'LL KILL
MASTER
FACELESS'
NEXT
BODY?!

COMMANDER
NAYA, ARE
YOU SURE
ABOUT
THAT?



IT WOULD
MAKE FOR
A BORING
EXPERIENCE
WHEN I
SLAUGHTER
YOU!

AFTER ALL,
YOU WON'T
FEEL FEAR
OR PAIN IF
YOU FAINT!



BUT HE
IS NOT!
MASTER
FACELESS
TOLD ME
I'M THE
PROTAGONIST!!

HE'S ONLY A
TOOL, BUT HE'S
ALWAYS CAUSING
MAYHEM AROUND
US! IT'S AS IF
HE'S ACTING LIKE
A PROTAGONIST!



SHUT
IT!!

I DESPISE
MASARU!



NOW...

UUUUUUUU...



EVEN IF I
TEAR HIM
APART, MASTER
FACELESS CAN
PUT HIM BACK
TOGETHER
WITH HIS
TECHNOLOGY!



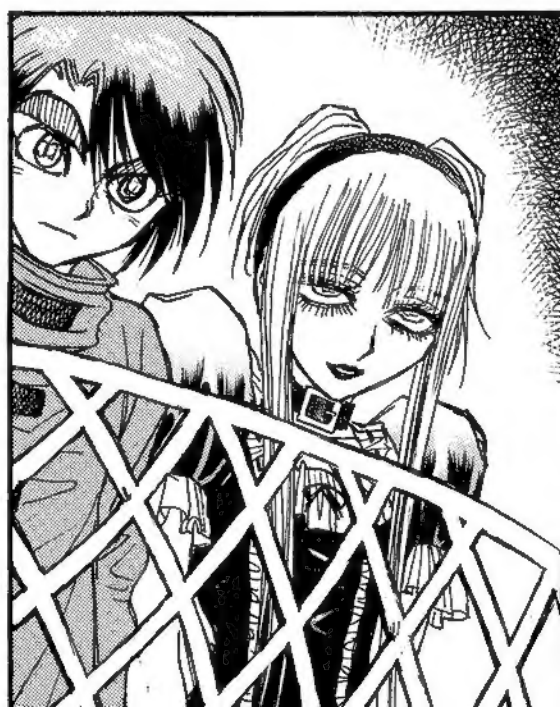
WHAT'S
SO FUNNY,
COLUMBINE?



?!



NAYA...
WHY DO YOU
THINK...
WE'VE BEEN
FIGHTING
UNTIL NOW?

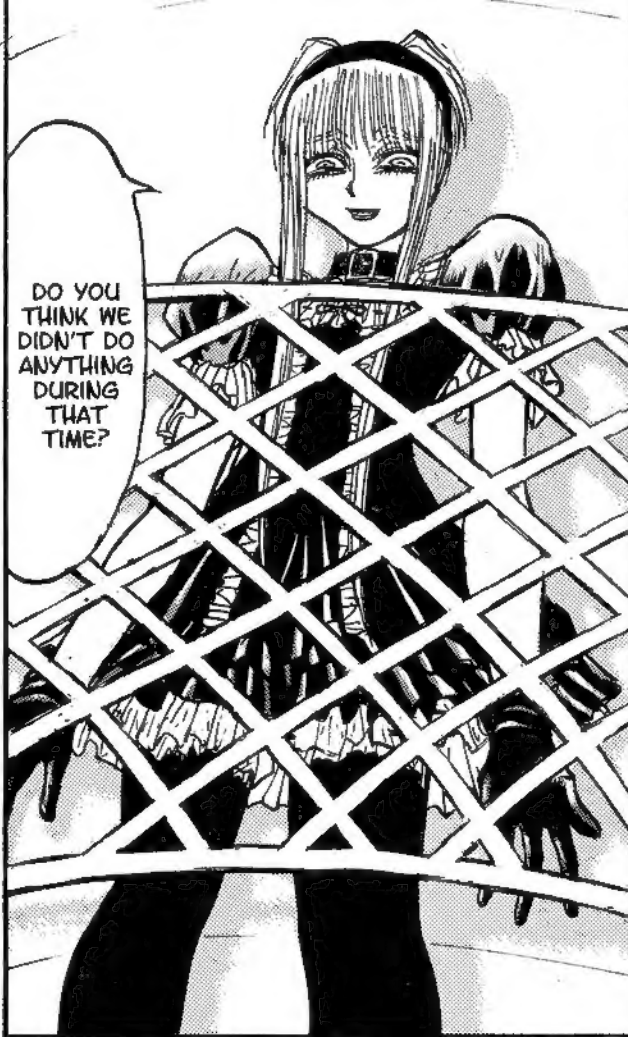




D-
DON'T
TELL
ME
YOU...

?!

DO YOU
THINK WE
DIDN'T DO
ANYTHING
DURING
THAT
TIME?



WHAT?

WE GOT HERE
WAY BEFORE
YOU DID...



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Opening
...

Opening
preservation
capsules.

Fixing
pressure
values.

Liquid
temperature
rising and
stabilizing
at 37°C.

70°C = 170°F

70°C = 170°F

70°C = 170°F



NOW THEY
WON'T BE
PRESERVED
ANYMORE...

OUR
BODIES...
...ARE
AWAKENING.

AH...

AH...



...THANK
YOU FOR
PLAYING
ALONG...
TO BUY
US TIME...
UHUH.



D-DAMN
YOU!!

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...NAYA.

YOU
AREN'T SAFE
ANYMORE...